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## GRACE ASSEMBLY - A Missional Family Church

### INTRODUCTION

Let me share the second part of the Missional Family Church. It is all about loving God and loving people. The key word is love. Therefore, as a Missional Family Church, we are called to:

#### I. LOVE FATHER GOD

- Beholding Our Father

Loving Father is the upward focus.

What does it mean to love God?

*Matthew 22:37-38 NIV*

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.*

The Greek word for 'love' used in this first commandment is the verb 'agapao'. To 'agapao' something means to totally give ourselves over to something, to be totally consumed with it, or to be totally committed to it. What we 'agapao' is what we put first in our lives. All our intentions and abilities are focused and consumed with this one thing. In other words, 'agapao' is a commitment or a binding of ourselves to something.

When we 'agapao' something, we are submitting our wills and our lives to it. In other words, it's the ultimate commitment of ourselves, it's what we put first in our lives. So to 'agapao' God is to give Him first place in our lives.

#### II. LOVE FAMILY

- Building Our Family

Loving family is the inward focus.

Family here denotes both the spiritual family and physical family.

'We want to be a church that is friendly, warm, closely connected, and demonstrating the love of God towards one another'.

#### III. LOVE FRIENDS

- Blessing Our Friends

Loving friends is the outward focus.

Friends here represent all your pre-Christian friends, acquaintances, people in our community.

God places a high premium on souls. It costs His only Son.

We are called to reach out to others so they may come to know Jesus and experience the love of the Father.

'The emphasis is not about bringing the world into the church, but bringing the church into the world'.

The church must focus on the one thing that matters, and that one thing is the souls of men and women. We cannot be busy with many things and not focusing on the one thing that matters. We can be running a lot of programs and events but if we are not winning souls, we have failed in our mission.

That's why the word 'missional' is so important. 'Missional' is a lifestyle where we intentionally live out the gospel wherever we are.



#### CONCLUSION

A Missional Family Church lives out the church's three dimensional calling:

- to be upwardly focused on God in worship that is passionate;
- to be inwardly focused on the family that is demonstrated in relationships of love;
- to be outwardly focused on a world that does not yet know God.

I pray you begin to understand why Grace is a Missional Family Church.

Senior Pastor  
Calvin Lee

## GRACE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATES

"We have enough!" This was the good news that resounded throughout the various congregations of the 7/8 February worship services, as the church was informed that we have sufficient funds for the Grace redevelopment. This is indeed a miracle that now enables us to enter the new building debt-free, and a testament of God's hands and faithfulness upon Grace Assembly!

We thank and give God all the glory and praises for His abundant blessings upon the church.



## WORLD PRAYER @ J333



*"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." - Isaiah 56:7*

This month we'll be praying for EAST ASIA. East Asia is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. This region, which has witnessed one of the greatest revivals in the rural areas, is finding difficulties in growing churches in urban settings. As the economy continues to grow, the churches in that region need to grow and expand as well. Come and pray for East Asia and grow your heart for missions!

Focus: Grace Missions Partners in East Asia

Date: 11 March 2015 (Wednesday)

Time: 7.30 - 8.30pm

Venue: St John's St Margaret's church (SJSM),  
30 Dover Ave, Singapore 139790

For enquiries, please email [matthew.tan@graceao.org](mailto:matthew.tan@graceao.org)

## NOTICE OF 54th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM)

Please be informed that the 54th ABM will be held on:

Date : 20 March 2015, Friday

Time : 7.30 pm sharp

Venue : Grace II, Sanctuary (Level 2)  
1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4,  
Singapore 659125.

Members please collect a copy of the ABM booklet on 7 & 8 March, and 14 & 15 March 2015 at the following:

- Grace II: main entrances of L4 Chapel & L2 Sanctuary;
- Furama Riverfront Hotel: reception tables outside L3 Venus Ballroom, and inside L5 Mercury Ballroom;
- My Saviour's Church: reception tables outside L3 Hall.

On Friday 20 March, please bring along your NRIC or other Identification Card (required for registering your attendance for the ABM) and the ABM booklet (for reference during the meeting). Registration will begin at 6:30 pm.

If you have questions relating to the reports in the ABM booklet, please email to [ecb@graceao.org](mailto:ecb@graceao.org) or fax to 64100801, by 16 March 2015. Alternatively, you may want to hand in your questions to Sis Chia Mei Mei or Sis Kong Poh Suan at the Church office at Grace II Bukit Batok.

According to the Church Constitution, all membership updates must be done 2 weeks before the ABM, which is by 5 March. For those who have not done so, they can attend the ABM as an Observer only, and will not be eligible to vote during the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the ABM.



## MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2015

Grace Assembly will be holding her missions conference over the 4 - 5 April weekend. There will be missions booths setup outside the halls after the services. Do stay around after the services to check out the booths and find out more about how you can contribute to missions!

Be sure to watch out for that special weekend!

### CHAI (TEA) WITH REV P. C. HOTA

Rev P. C. Hota is the assistant superintendent of the Assemblies of God, India. He has been hosting missions teams from Grace Assembly for the past 20 years.

Grace Missions is organizing a tea session to connect past trippers with recent ones. This is a good opportunity for trippers to fellowship with one another, sharing stories from their trips.

If you have been to Puri, India and you know Rev Hota, or you are planning to go there on a missions trip this year, this is not a session to be missed!

Date: 4 April 2015 (Saturday)

Time: 1.00 - 3.00 pm

Venue: GII Level 1, Hope Room

To register, please email [jasmin.low@graceao.org](mailto:jasmin.low@graceao.org)

## J333 PRAYER MEETINGS

- 4 Mar New Grace –  
A People Living Out His Love!
- 11 Mar World Prayer
- 18 Mar Healing Time
- 25 Mar Missional Living –  
Street Outreach at Orchard Road
- Venue: St John's St Margaret's Church  
(SJSM), L3 Glory Sanctuary, 30  
Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790
- Time: Wednesdays, 7.30 – 8.30pm



# J333

## Churchwide Events: March-June 2015

20 Mar (Fri)	Annual Business Meeting (ABM)	GII Sanctuary 7.30pm
1 Apr (Wed)	J333 Prayer meeting (combined)	SJSM~ 7.30pm
3 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday services	GII Sanctuary 9am, 11,15am
4-5 Apr	Missions Conference	MSC*, Furama Riverfront, GII
9-10 May	Mother's Day celebrations	MSC*, Furama Riverfront, GII
8-11 Jun	Church Camp (Chinese)	Equatorial hotel, Melaka, Msia
18-22 Jun	Grace Retreat	Putrajaya Marriott Hotel KL, Msia

## Ministry Events: March 2015

4, 11 Mar (Weds)	Women of Grace WOG-DBS	GII Praise Room 10am
5 Mar (Thu)	GDP class 104	GII Glory Room 7.30pm
7, 14 Mar (Sats)	Women of Grace WOG-SBS	Orchard Plaza 10am
14 Mar (Sat)	Filipino Ministry Family Day	Gardens By The Bay 9am
15 Mar (Sun)	Children's Church PSLE Talk	GII Glory Room
29 Mar (Sun)	Children's Church PSLE Talk	Furama Riverfront, Jupiter II

Event details are subject to changes, please refer to [www.graceao.org](http://www.graceao.org) for latest info & updates.

\* My Saviour's Church

## SERMON SERIES: JANUARY-MARCH 2015

# ORDINARY EXTRA PEOPLE ORDINARY POWER

## ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY POWER

- THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIVES OF OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS "...  
David had served God's purpose in his own generation ..."  
Acts 13:36

They were prime ministers, craftsmen, captains, builders and kings – ordinary men transformed to extraordinary leaders through the gifting and power of the Holy Spirit. Whether it was in administrative or creative work, in prophetic action or words, and in times of peace or war, they depended on the power of the Spirit of God. How can the stories and journeys of Joseph, Bezalel, Gideon, David, Elisha, Daniel, Zechariah and Solomon, speak to us today?

What relevant lessons can we learn from the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Old Testament characters? Old is gold. Come and be inspired by these timeless tales in the first quarter of 2015 to live the extraordinary life that God has called us to live.

- (1) Lead with Extraordinary Influence: Joseph, Moses, Joshua
- (2) Work with Extraordinary Gifting: Bezalel, Oholiab
- (3) Battle with Extraordinary Courage: Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah
- (4) Defend with Extraordinary Strength: Samson
- (5) Walk with Extraordinary Guidance: David
- (6) Minister with Extraordinary Power: Elijah, Elisha
- (7) Speak with Extraordinary Insight: Balaam, Amasai, Daniel, Ezekiel, Micah
- (8) Build with Extraordinary Grace: Zechariah



## Calling all Grace Pioneers – we want to honour YOU

As we celebrate our homecoming to the new Grace building this year, we want to honour pioneering Gracians who have been with the church through thick and thin, and are today still with the church along with their families and their next generations.

If you were attending Grace Assembly since 1975\* (or know someone who did), and who are still in Grace today: please let us know, as we have a very special surprise in store for you!

*\* the year before the demolition of the bungalow, which was the first church building*

**Send your following details to [GracePioneer1975@graceaog.org](mailto:GracePioneer1975@graceaog.org) before 30 June 2015:**

Name in full [Chinese if applicable]:

Year started attending Grace Assembly [must be 1975 or before]:

Mailing address:

Email (if available):

Contact no:

Service attending now: [For example, English services at G1 or G11/Cantonese Service, Mandarin G1 or G11 service, or Hokkien service]

*Hurry – don't miss out on this opportunity to stand alongside other Grace Pioneers who are our history makers!*

## PROGRESS OF GRACE REDEVELOPMENT @ TANGLIN



View from Jervois Lane



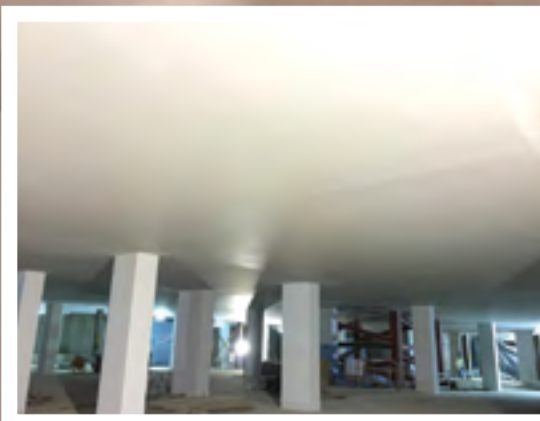
Bird's eye view



View from Tanglin Road



B1 to L1: ramp casting



B2: painted ceilings



B3: Fire protection system

## CHURCHWIDE

## The Holy Land Tour

An Israel & Jordan Biblical Tour (12 Days 10 Nights) is planned on 5-16 December 2015!

The estimated cost\* per person is as follows:

Adult @ S\$3,640 (twin sharing) Child @ S\$3,400 (bed sharing room with adults)

\* includes airfare, majority of meals, local transport/transfer by coach buses & accommodation, excluding airline fuel surcharge & airport taxes (approx \$650).

If you are interested and would like to better appreciate the Holy Scriptures:

Step 1: jot down & save these dates in your calendar!

Step 2: email your name and contact details to [jacilia.ong@graceag.org](mailto:jacilia.ong@graceag.org)

Note that due to limited spaces, reservations are on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Tour is organized solely for GRACIANS only. More detailed information will be emailed to you.



## CHURCHWIDE

## weddings at grace

Heartiest congratulations to the following couple, may the Lord continue to bless, protect & guide them with love & wisdom as they embark & commit to new journeys in their lives together!

**14 March - WANG CHANG JIE & LENA POON**

## Wedding Bookings At New GI

For those who are planning to get married next year as of 1 January 2016, and would like to have their wedding event at the new GI building, wedding bookings for the new Sanctuary will be open from 1 July 2015 onwards. Please email your Request Form to Sis Jamie at [jamie.lim@graceag.org](mailto:jamie.lim@graceag.org)

All couples who are getting married in Grace Assembly are required to complete the Marriage Preparation Program (MPP) before their wedding event. For more information on this course, please email to Ps Benjamin at [benjamin.wong@graceag.org](mailto:benjamin.wong@graceag.org)

## Looking For Volunteers For Grace Bookstore

If you are interested to serve in bookstores at the new GI and current GII, please email your details (name, contact) to [bookstore@graceag.org](mailto:bookstore@graceag.org)

## MINISTRIES

## Position Available For Support Staff

The church is looking for someone who has the passion to serve and join the administrative team:

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide administrative support to the pastoral team of Grace Communities (GC), including taking minutes of team meetings
- Maintain and update all related monthly statistics records
- Assist in planning and maintaining of computer folders pertaining to leaders' meetings and Leadership Development Training
- Co-ordination and distribution of Grace Groups (GG) materials
- Arrange and coordinate ministry events and the use of resources
- Maintenance and updating of database

**Requirements:**

- At least a good 'O' level certificate
- Good Knowledge and application of Microsoft Office 2010
- Good communication, interpersonal and organizational skills
- Has initiative and able to work in teams

Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resume: indicating work experience, current and expected salaries, and recent photograph to:

Sally Chow

Grace Assembly of God, 1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4  
Singapore 659125. Or email to: [sally.chow@graceag.org](mailto:sally.chow@graceag.org)

## Grace Media is looking for AV executive

Grace Media Department is looking for a dynamic and dependable individual, who can work independently with a minimum of 1-2 years' experience as an audio visual technician, to join the Grace Media family as a full-time AV executive. Candidates must have knowledge in handling professional sound, lights, video and/or other production tools commonly used in the industry.

If you have a passion for digital media technologies, a heart to serve God and His people, and enjoy working in a team filled with dedicated and fun professionals, this is your opportunity.

**Job Requirements**

- Strong customer service with good interpersonal and communication skills
- Able to manage various tasks within a fast-paced environment and to meet deadlines
- Proficient in both English and Mandarin languages
- Must possess a class 3 driving license
- Motivated team player with positive attitude, with desire for learning, and delivering high-quality work

If you are the one we are looking for, please send your details to [christopher.soh@graceag.org](mailto:christopher.soh@graceag.org). Only shortlisted candidates will be notified within 4 weeks from the date of submission.

## Ministries Recruitment Drive

Are you looking for an avenue to serve God in church? Are you coming to church week after week, feeling that you can offer your gifts in some way to build up the Grace family? 1 Peter 4:10: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in various forms."

This month, Grace will be holding a ministries recruitment drive. These ministries need YOU! Come alongside with these ministries and play a part to support the church.

Event : Ministries Recruitment Drive  
Dates : 14-15 March & 22 March 2015

Venues : My Saviour's Church (MSC) Level 2 [Sat 14 March]  
Furama Riverfront Hotel Level 3 [Sun 15 & 22 March]  
GII Level 1 [Sun 15 & 22 March]

With whatever gifts that God has bestowed upon you, let us SERVE, to build His kingdom and the Grace family. See YOU at the booths!

## Grace Discipleship Process

### ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An Encounter with God happens the moment we accept Him as Saviour.

An Encounter with Jesus appropriates His Lordship and authority over our life, granting freedom over sins!

An Encounter with the Holy Spirit empowers us to live our Christian life to the fullest.

Encounter Weekend is a core module of Grace Discipleship Process (GDP) for those seeking to be a member of Grace Assembly, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Seize this opportunity to encounter God, understand God's purpose for you as His new creation, and unleash His power to be more than a conqueror!

If you are feeling dry and seem to be stuck in the rut, if you are desiring the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and hoping for a breakthrough in your spiritual journey... Encounter Weekend is for you too.

Topics covered:

- Power in the Spirit
- Freedom in Christ
- Emotional strength in God

Join us for a time of entering into & encountering the presence of God!

Date : 1-2 May 2015 (no over-night stay)

Venue : Orchard Plaza

Cost : \$40 per person

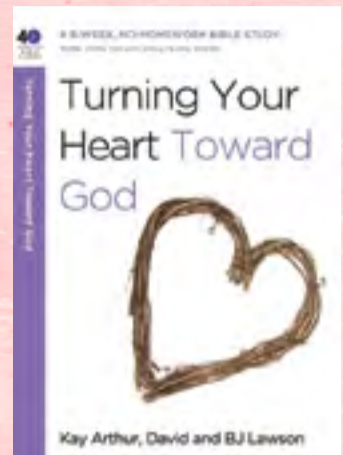
Registration closes on 5 April 2015.

Register online at [www.graceaog.org/gdp](http://www.graceaog.org/gdp)

*Women of Grace (Saturday Bible Study) is doing the second of their Bible Study series for 2015.*

## TURNING YOUR HEART TOWARD GOD

This No-homework Bible Study by Precept Ministries helps you discover what it really means to be blessed. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus identified attitudes that bring God's favour: weeping over sin, demonstrating meekness, showing mercy, nurturing peace and more. As you look closely at the meaning behind each of the Beatitudes, you will see how these truths can shape your choices every day – and bring you closer to the heart of God. You will also gain a fresh understanding of what it looks like to align your life with God's priorities.



Dates : 11 Apr – 23 May (Sats), except 2 May

Time : 10.00am – 12.00pm

Venue : Orchard Plaza

Cost : \$11 (includes materials)

Registration : 21 – 29 March 2015 [at Furama L3 Admin tables & GII L3 Office]

## PSLE Talk: Grace Kids Children's Church Ministry

Date : 15 March 2015 (Sun)

Time : 9.30am, 11.45am

Venue : GII L1 Glory Room

Date : 29 March 2015 (Sun)

Time : 9.30am, 11.45am

Venue : Furama Riverfront hotel, Jupiter II

## Filipino Family Day

By: Grace Filipino Ministry (GFM)

Date: 14 March 2015 (Saturday)

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Gardens by the Bay, Marina South

## Family Retreat Cum Mission Trip

By: Parenting Life of Family Life @Grace

Dates: 14-15 March 2015 (2D1N)

Venue: Tg Pinang, Bintan, Indonesia

## Grace House Kindergarten @GII Intake For Year 2016 Is Open For Registration For Church Members

Date: 6 March 2015 (Friday)

Time: 9.00 – 11.00am

Venue: GII, Level 4

You are cordially invited! Registration for Nursery 1, Nursery 2, Kindergarten 1 & Kindergarten 2 (children born between 2010 to 2013) is now open. Please bring along your child's birth cert, health book, both parents' NRICs, and Church membership certificate or letter. Registration fee and deposit (a total of \$534) are to be paid on the day of registration.

For more information, please contact:

Evelyn Tay

Tel: 6899-8851

Email: [evetay@gracehouse.com.sg](mailto:evetay@gracehouse.com.sg)

Website: [www.gracehouse.com.sg](http://www.gracehouse.com.sg)



## 17th Annual General Meeting 2015

Thank you for those who have updated their membership details. Those who have not updated their particulars or received any letters from us, please email to: [contact@reach.org.sg](mailto:contact@reach.org.sg) or call: Tze Wei at 68010725

11 April (Saturday) | REACH Counselling Centre @  
Blk 307 Shunfu Road | 2 - 5 pm  
Snacks will be provided at 1 pm

## GRACE GROUPS LISTINGS

**COMMUNITY: GIA****Community Pastor: Ps Kenny Koh 81395540; kenny.koh@graceoag.org**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
ABC	Benson Yeo, Candida Ho	Every Thursday, 7.30pm	Blk 15 Ghim Moh Rd	Tanglin
Answers @ Mount Sinai	Alex Tee	Alternate Friday, 8.15pm	Mount Sinai Rise	Holland
Channels of Blessings	Rodney Chang, Pak Ooi Tart	Alternate Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 201 Clementi Ave 6	Clementi
Coffee Lovers	Cham Lee Fin, Seah Chee Seng	Every Friday, 8pm	Namly Garden (rotational 3 homes)	Sixth Ave
Faithful	Michael Lai	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Dover Park View Condo	Dover
Hands of Grace	Kelvin Lee, Donatus Yeo	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 5 Holland Close	Holland
Holland Ave	Gomez Jeffrey	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 92 Commonwealth Drive	Queenstown
Holland Drive	Magdalene Oh, Kay Wei Shih	Every Tuesday, 8:15pm	Blk 18C Holland Drive	Holland
House of Joy	Cynthia Joy Lee	Every Friday, 8pm	36 Dover Rise, Dover Parkview	Holland
J21:17	Neo Hong Jye, Yung Ming	Every Thursday, 8pm	Westridge Walk	Pasir Panjang
Kent Vale Ladies	Doris Hiw, Debbie Chow	Every Wednesday, 9.45am	Kent Vale, Clementi Rd	Clementi
Parkwest	Lee Lai Mun	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Parkwest, 10 Jln Lempeng	Clementi
Pleroma 2	Sean Seah, Timothy Foo	Every Saturday, 8.30pm	Lorong Kimis	Toh Tuck
Relax-lah!	Joseph Saw, Francis Ng	2nd & 4th Friday, 8pm	Grove Avenue	Holland
Shine for Jesus	Christine Lee	Friday, 8pm (except 1st Fri)	Blk 143 Mei Ling St	Queenstown
YKC	Paul Chng	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Heritage View, Dover Rise	Dover

**COMMUNITY : GIB****Community Pastor: Ps Judy Chui 91711490; judy.chui@graceoag.org****Community Leaders: Vincent Tan, Kenneth Lek, Doreen Chong, William Hioe, Jim Ng**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Bereans	Kenneth Kwan	Every Sunday, 1.30pm	Blk 6A Boon Tiong Rd	Tiong Bahru
Cell Alive 1	Liza Leong, Goh Lay Fong, Catherine Ang	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 4 Ghim Moh Rd	Ghim Moh
Cell Alive 2	Vincent Tan	Every Friday, 8pm	Clarence Ville, Clarence Lane	Alexandra
Day Cell 1	Patrick Chan, Wendy Chan, Vincent Wong	Every Tuesday, 11am	Blk 60 Telok Blangah Heights	Telok Blangah
Havelock	Chia Kiang Sum, Christine Tong	Various days, 8pm	Blk 121A Kim Tian Place	Tiong Bahru
Joshua	Joanne Lee	Every Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 75B Redhill Rd	Bkt Merah
Lighthouse	Joe Wong, Alexander Koh	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 118C Jln Membina	Bkt Merah
Nissi	Rachel Leong	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 107 Bkt Purmei Rd	Telok Blangah
Parents & Toddlers	Elizabeth Chia, Aaron Tan	Alternate Saturday, 3.30pm	Gentle Drive	Newton
Petra	Tan Siew Poh	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 55 Beo Crescent	Tiong Bahru
Pleroma 1	Jonathan Lew	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 17A Telok Blangah Crescent	Telok Blangah
Post Alpha One	Ho Lai Ching	Alternate Wednesday, 7.30pm	Blk 412 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10	Ang Mo Kio
Reflections of Christ	Eric Lim	Alternate Saturday, 5.30pm	Blk 23 The Reflections, Keppel Bay View	Keppel Rd
Sozo	Reuben Soh, Philip Ang, James Ong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 137 Jln Bkt Merah	Bkt Merah
Stevens	Loke Kah Leong	Alternate Saturday, 8pm	The Equatorial, 151 Stevens Rd	Stevens Rd
Strathmore Ave	Doreen Chong	Every Thursday, 8pm	Blk 80 Strathmore Ave	Tanglin
Tabernacle	Kenneth Fan, Dennis Gay	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Blk 124B Bkt Merah View	Bkt Merah
Tanglin Regency	Josephine Chee	Every Friday, 8pm	Tanglin Regency, 381 Tanglin Rd	Tanglin
Telok Blangah	Linda Law	Every Friday, 8:30pm	Teresa Ville, Blk 1007 Lower Delta Rd	Telok Blangah
The Vine	Frank Boey, Bernard Lee	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Blk 20 Jln Membina	Bkt Merah
Tiong Bahru	Victor Lee, Rina Hiw	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 22 Jln Membina	Bkt Merah
You & Me	Diana Lim	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 75B Redhill Rd	Bkt Merah

**COMMUNITY: GIC****Community Pastor: Ps Matthew Wai 97848547; matthew.wai@graceoag.org****Community Leader: Simon Goh**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Shammah (East Coast)	Andy Tan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Cheow Keng Rd	Marine Parade
Green Pasture	Dennis Khoo	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 230D Tampines St 24	Tampines
Marine East	Edward Chan	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 24 Fernwood Terrace	Marine Parade
Tingkat	Hoong Liying	Every Friday, 8 pm	Tampines St 45	Tampines
Upp Changi	Vincent Ang	Every Friday, 8.30pm	Upp Changi Rd	Bedok

**COMMUNITY: GID****Community Pastor: Ps Matthew Wai 97848547; matthew.wai@graceoag.org**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Grace Lite	Philip Che	Every Thursday, 8.30pm	Blk 111 Hougang Ave 1	Hougang
New Life	Wee Tee Phong	Every Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 233 Compassvale Walk	Ponggol
Serangoon North 1 & 2	Ricky Wee	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 535 Serangoon North Ave 4	Serangoon

**COMMUNITY: GIE****Community Pastor: Ps Au Wai Ching 91858025; wai.ching@gmagnet.com**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
IGNITE	Long Jek Howe	Every Friday, 8pm	Serenade Walk, Ang Mo Kio Ave 5	Ang Mo Kio
Bishan Charity	Grace Puah	Last 2 Fridays, 8pm	Blk 402 Sim Ming Ave	Bishan
Bishan Hope	Esther Lee	Alternate Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 414 Serangoon Central	Bishan
More Relax-lah	Eric Chong	2nd & 4th Friday, 8pm	29A Adam Rd	Adam Rd
Relax-lah Ladies	Angela, Kah May	1st & 3rd Friday, 8pm	Blk 616 Ang Mo Kio & 6 Ridgewood Close (rotational)	Ang Mo Kio
ShunFu	Lim Nan	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 312 Shunfu Rd	Thomson
Toa Payoh 1 & 2	Yap Tat Yeen	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Trellis Towers, 700 Toa Payoh Lor 1	Toa Payoh

**COMMUNITY: YAYP**

**Community Pastor: Ps Alvin Lim 96841675; alvin.lim@graceao.org**  
**Community Leaders: Cindy Lim, Wendy Tiu, Amanda Ong, Elissa Tan, Sheryl Teo**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
AHH	Jack Chan, Rachel Woon	Every Saturday, 8pm	Blk 150 Prince Charles Crescent	Tanglin
Cornerstone	Deborah Tay, Melinda Hoe	Every Friday, 7.30pm	Jurong East St 21	Jurong
Fellowsheep	Chelsea Leong	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Blk 184 Stirling Rd	Queenstown
Interlaced	Edelia Tan	Every Saturday, 2pm	220 Depot Road	Telok Blangah
It's About Time	Priscilla Chan, Lydia Hee	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 203 Bkt Batok St 21 & Blk 425 Clementi Ave 1 (rotational)	Bkt Batok, Clementi
Kairos	Rebekah Tye, Adelene Tan	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Blk 485 Choa Chu Kang Ave 5 & Bkt Batok West Ave 5 (rotational)	Choa Chu Kang
LLS	Ong Lixin	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Blk 664C Jurong West St 64 & Choa Chu Kang (rotational 3 homes)	Jurong
ROR 1	Kong Yiwen, Mei Anne	Every Sunday, 2.30pm	Blk 386 Bkt Batok West Ave 5	Bkt Batok, Choa Chu Kang
Secret Cell	Eloise Lie	Every Saturday, 3pm	My Saviour's Church, Heavenly Rm Level 2	Redhill
STEM	Jonjoe Ong, Nicole Yeo	Every Saturday, 3pm	My Saviour's Church, Stars Rm Level 2	Redhill
TBC	Kenny Chng	Every Friday, 7.30pm	West Coast Rd & Sunset Heights	West Coast, Clementi
The Roots	Li Xukun, Evangeline Wai	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Bkt Batok	Bkt Batok
Tuxedo	Ernest Kay, Pamela Lim	Every Friday, 7.45pm	1A Pine Grove	Clementi
United In Christ	Melvyn Ho, Eliza Ong	Every Friday, 8pm	Choa Chu Kang Crescent	Choa Chu Kang
UP	Shaun Ho	Every Friday, 7:30pm	Jln Jurong Kechil	Bkt Timah
WoW	Chanelle Lim, Isaac Lum	Every Saturday, 3pm	My Saviour's Church, Planet Rm Level 2	Redhill

**COMMUNITY: GIIA**

**Community Pastor: Ps Scott Tey 94751251; scott.tey@graceao.org**  
**Community Leaders: Siew Seng Ming, Nerina Chong**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Bigger & Smaller	Siew Seng Ming, Steven Ang	Alternate Saturday, 7.30pm	Upper Bkt Timah & Pasir Panjang (rotational)	Bkt Timah, Pasir Panjang
E.A.G.L.E.	Iris Lin	Alternate Saturday, 10am	Blk 129 Bkt Batok West Ave 6 & Blk 225 Pending Rd (rotational)	Bkt Batok, Bkt Panjang
GLOW	Cindy Soh, Jessica Pua	Every Sunday, 1pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
New Life GG	Ps Scott, Eileen Cheong	Every Friday, 8pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Seekers	Garry Chung	Alternate Saturday, 5pm	Blk 671B Jurong West St 65	Jurong West
Sembawang / Woodlands	Edward Ho, Martin Chew	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 352A Canberra Rd	Sembawang
Shekinah Glory	Katherine Foo	Every Thursday, 11am	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Yishun 1	Christine Yap, Thomas Aw	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 242 Yishun Ring Rd	Yishun
Yishun 2	Irvin Wong, Tung Yui Fai, Albert Loo	Every Friday, 8.45pm	Orchid Park, Yishun St 81	Yishun

**COMMUNITY: GIIB**

**Community Pastor: Ps Scott Tey 94751251; scott.tey@graceao.org**  
**Community Leader: Stephen Auwyong; Assistant Community Leaders: Richard Lim, Edward Cheong**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Abundant Life	Richard Lim, Roy Heng	Every Thursday, 8pm	Blk 753 Choa Chu Kang North 5	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Hope	David Ng, Sean Lim	Every Friday, 8pm	Northvale, Choa Chu Kang Central	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Central	Edward Cheong, John Lew	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 604 Choa Chu Kang St 62	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Covenant	Ps Scott Tey, Barnabas Lew	Every Friday, 8pm	Choa Chu Kang	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Harvesters	Thomas Kiang	Alternate Friday, 8.15pm	Blk 504 Choa Chu Kang St 51	Choa Chu Kang
CCK Rangers	Richard Lim, Joel Tan	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 527 Choa Chu Kang St 51	Choa Chu Kang
Haven / Bkt Panjang	David Ang, Swee Lee	Every Friday, 8pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Radiance	Alfred Foong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Choa Chu Kang
Yew Mei Green	Jaffrey Aw, Tony Low	Every Friday, 8pm	56 Yew Mei Green	Choa Chu Kang

**COMMUNITY: GIIC**

**Community Pastor: Ps Lim Bee Ngor 98280347; bee.ngor@graceao.org**  
**Community Leaders: Ng She Luh, Tan Chee Wee**

Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Agape	Wendy Loke	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 101 Jurong East St 13
En Dian	Jean Gip, Celin Tan	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 286C Toh Guan Rd
Follow Me	Lim Bee Ngor	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Westwood Crescent
Immanuel II	Doris Ho	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 269 Toh Guan Rd (rotational)
Infiniti	Alex Ngew, Irene Cheah	Every Tuesday, 8pm	Infiniti, West Coast Park
Joshua Generation 1	Tan Chee Wee	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Carabelle, West Coast Way
Jurong Point	Tan Chee Wee	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 661C Jurong West St 64
Jurong West St. 65	Vincent Ong	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 669A Jurong West St 64
JW Ladies Group	Chan Lai Chuan, Millie Kan	Every Thursday, 9.30am	Lakeholmz, Corporation Rd
Koinonia	Peter Tan	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 265 Toh Guan Rd
Parc Oasis	Ng Seh Luh, Chin Soo Fun, Eric & Valen Thng	Every Friday, 8pm	Parc Oasis, Jurong East Ave 1
Salt & Light	Raymond Leong, Winnie Leong	Every Thursday, 8pm	Blk 320 Jurong East St 31
Teban Gardens	Joseph Ng	Alternate Fri, 8.30pm	Blk 47 Teban Gardens
Yung Ping	Ian Chow	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 160 Yung Ping Rd



**COMMUNITY: GIID**

**Community Pastor: Ps Benjamin Wong 90662994; benjamin.wong@graceao.org**  
**Community Leader: Ho Pui Chan**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Bukit Batok PCK	Richard & Jacqueline Tan	Alt Friday, 8.30pm	Bkt Batok (various locations)	Bkt Batok
BW BB1	Kai Seng & Kim, Paul Rahman	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 236 Bkt Batok East Ave 5	Bkt Batok
BW BB2	Nicholas Liang	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 52 Bkt Batok East Ave 5	Bkt Batok
BWBB1.2	Philip Sow, Benjamin Tan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 356 Bkt Batok St 31	Bkt Batok
Friemily 2	William Chan, Stanley Wong	Every Friday, 8pm	Bkt Batok Central (various locations)	Bkt Batok
Friemily Tree	Philip Yeo, Chua Gim Siong	Every Friday, 8pm	Blk 621 Bkt Batok Central	Bkt Batok
Ichthus	Clement Yee	Alternate Sunday, 4.30pm	Blk 290B Bkt Batok Street 24	Upper Bkt Timah
Kim Tian	Jonathan Ang	Alt Friday, 8pm	Century Mansion, 2M Jln Remaja	Upper Bkt Timah
Lovers' GG	Steven & Michelle Chan	Alternate Friday, 8pm	365 Holland Road	Holland
Psalm 121	Allen Koh, Thomas Yeo	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Bkt Batok (various locations)	Bkt Batok
ROR	Ho Yixian, Serene Tan, James Choi	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 102 Bkt Batok Central	Bkt Batok
Summerhill	Mak & Lay Khim	Alternate Friday, 8:30pm	Blk 191 Bkt Batok West Ave 6	Bkt Batok
Toh Yi	Tan Hock Thiam	Alternate Tuesday, 8.30pm	Blk 2 Toh Yi Drive	Bkt Batok
Toh Yi Drive	Francis & Lindai Lee	Alternate Friday, 8pm	Blk 13 Toh Yi Drive	Toh Yi

**COMMUNITY: FILIPINO MINISTRY GI**

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**Community Leader: Sis Cora Lagahit 93810513**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
Daniel	Nanding Obliopas	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
David	Cora Lagahit	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Esther	Lyn Dela Cruz	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Gideon	Margie Obis	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Jeremiah	Arlyn Avellana	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Joel	Edith Corpuz	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Joshua	Jonabel Dumo	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Nehemiah	Mila Batallones	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram
Samuel	Linda Obliopas	Every Sunday, 9.30am	Furama Riverfront hotel, VIP Rm Level 3	Outram

**COMMUNITY: FILIPINO MINISTRY GII**

**Community Pastor: Ps Rosita Cristobal 98580317; rosita@graceao.org**  
**Community Leader: Bro Cholo Cruz 85189053**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
D' Ambassador	Jeremy Retuta	1st & 3rd Friday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 419 Bkt Batok West Ave 2 GII Praise Room	Bkt Batok
Agape J316	Angel & Kaye Cruz	1st & 3rd Friday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 623 Bkt Batok Central GII Praise Room	Bkt Batok
Jabez	Gerry Salgado	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	GII Fellowship Area GII Praise Room	Bkt Batok
My Beloved	Imelda Quillopas & Rosario Abalos	1st & 3rd Sunday, 5.00pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 419 Bkt Batok West Ave 2 GII Praise Room	Bkt Batok
My Redeemer	Cholo & Carla Cruz	1st & 3rd Friday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 267 Bkt Batok East Ave 4 GII Praise Room	Bkt Batok
Psalms23	Aldwin Retuta & Ann Dela Cruz	1st & 3rd Monday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 20 Hougang Ave 3 GII Praise Room	Hougang Bkt Batok
Steadfast Love	Richard Aquino	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 341 Bkt Batok St 34 GII Praise Room	Bkt Batok
The Saints	Hermie & Marirose Feril	1st & 3rd Friday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 295 Choa Chu Kang Ave 2 GII Praise Room	Chua Chu Kang Bkt Batok
Y-ACTS 2147	Matet Reando	1st & 3rd Friday, 7.30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, 7.30pm	Jelubu Road GII Praise Room	Bkt Panjang Bkt Batok
Yeshua	Mario & Mel Abogado	1st & 3rd Friday, 7.30pm	Blk 384 Bkt Batok West Ave 5	Bkt Batok

**COMMUNITY: YOUTH MINISTRY (R-AGE) GII**

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**Community Leaders: Rachel Choo, Kenneth Yeo**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
AGAPE	Renee Hwang, Jacinth Toh	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Fedelta Boys	Darryl Tan, Benedict Soon, Daniel Li	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
GII Shepherds	Keith Yeo, Chua Yi Xian	Alternate Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Halo 1	Jiaria Lim, Joel Lim, Chia Yu Zhe	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Halo 2	Donovan Tan, Priscilla Seong Koon, Chia Bao Hui	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Halo Girls	Raymynn Teo, Beatrice Low	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
K+	Jason Chang, Manuel Sesoko, Sean Lew	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
MICE	Raylynn Teo, Anna Luke	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
MTW	Cheong Jia Qi, Yu Wan Hui	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
POTATO	Isaac Soh, Elaine Tan	Alternate Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
PPG	Jolene Soh, Joyce Ang	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
PUDDING	Joseph Moh, Rhoda Lew	Alternate Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Sec1s	Joshua Ng, Melody Khoo	Alternate Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Sec1s (gals)	Emily Leong, Carol Chin, Carise Lee, Kelly Shin, Tan Kai Yun, Desiree Chew	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Sec1s (guys)	Darren Toh, Sean Sin, Andre Tan, Samuel Lee	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
SEEDS	Lucas Won, Joni Sng	Alternate Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok

**COMMUNITY: YOUTH MINISTRY (R-AGE) TERTIARY**

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**Community Leaders: Rachel Choo, Kenneth Yeo**

GRACE Group	GG Leader / Facilitator	Day & Time	Venue	Area
☒ ('Tuan')	Tiffanie Chia, Adler Koh	Every Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Giraffe	Jasmin Low, David Liu, Jo-el Bay	Every Friday, 7pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Jeg Alskar Dig	Eugene Lim, Ellie Yeo	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Prata King	John Low, Claire Chua	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok
Tertiary Leaders	Rachel Choo, Cornelius Ong	First Friday, 7pm	West Area (Rotation)	West Area
Tertiary New Cell	Chan Keen, Rachel Tai	Every Saturday, 4pm	1 Bkt Batok West Ave 4, GII	Bkt Batok

# Salatiga, Three Blunders!

BY JASMIN LOW

When six of us landed in Indonesia, the missionary host welcomed us with a cold joke, "In Salatiga, you can only make three blunders!" 'Sala' in Bahasa Indonesia means 'blunder' and 'tiga' means 'three'. Honestly, I did carry three misconceptions stepping into the land of 'Three Blunders'. But God changed my thoughtful blunders into meaningful experiences!

First blunder! I've always contemplated on how short-term efforts can propel the work of long-term missions. We all carry the idea of we would be a blessing, but my experiences of short-term missions are that we be blessed so much more. There, my team conducted leadership forums for young adults. Initially, I felt a little unenthused when I realized I couldn't share the gospel with the locals. But God opened my eyes to see that we serve as an encouragement to the local missionary. As compared to us who are grounded in a community in Singapore, fellowship support is something they lack over there. By just conducting forums, it helped support them and grow the ministry, so that they can expand their scope of outreach and effectively share the love of Christ with the unreached. In their culture, they do not open up quickly to foreigners. Hence, the local Christians learnt to be most effective to reach out to their own people.

Second blunder! Oftentimes, we expect God to speak to us by engaging our emotions and senses.



Maybe not. Despite being the youngest, my team gave me the opportunity to preach a short message to a Christian International School. The outline came to my mind only on the night before my trip. Over the next few days, I started my research and went through a lot of thinking, not 'feeling' a very personal touch from God at all. After I delivered the message, the teachers in the Christian International School affirmed that whatever that was preached was aligned to their curriculum that semester! When I heard it, I was amazed by God's doing. Even through my thought processes and research, God's hand was moving me to type out the message that He wants to deliver to the students. How amazing is our God, that even in the subtlest way, He used me to bring glory to His name!

Third blunder! I was afraid that I couldn't connect and work well with the team, as I was very new to them. But I thank God for the love that binds us together. We had an enjoyable time of serving and fellowshiping together. We laughed, joked, rushed and most importantly, we prayed and encouraged each other with the common goal of loving God.

The Church is a global church. While we manage our local ministries and are involved in local outreaches, let us not forget our fellow missionaries who are working hard in the fields who need our support and encouragement! So do sign up for a mission trips now!

# Gospel for Granted?

BY MATTHEW TAN

"Believers who have the gospel, keep mumbling it over and over to themselves. Meanwhile, millions who have never heard it once, fall into the flames of eternal hell, without ever hearing the salvation story." – K.P. Yohannan, founder of Gospel for Asia Bible Society

Wow! Isn't this a quote that would pierce right through our hearts and conscience? Indeed, the gospel is a message that has the power to save the unsaved and it is also a message that has the power to sanctify the saved! So, there really isn't anything wrong when we, who are in the process of sanctification, preach the gospel to ourselves daily. However, how many of us have taken the gospel for granted and even left it out of our daily Christian lives? While we are doing this right here, there are millions out there who are dying to hear the gospel. Hence, there is urgency, and this we repeat and repeat, to bring this message of salvation to those who want to hear it!

In February, a team was sent out to Indonesia to conduct a leadership forum for young adults. The missionaries who are doing ministry there are very encouraged by the presence of the team and hope for more teams to be sent to serve in their ministry. Also, we prayed for Bangladesh, a land that is constantly facing religious discriminations, as forced conversion to Islam serves as an increasing threat.

Grace Assembly is moving towards being a Missional Family Church and our missions work is expanding across the globe! You don't have to be a missionary to be involved in missions, you only need to be a disciple of Christ. Therefore, give your support to missions in every way, and also be active to experience the fieldwork yourself.

## UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIPS

Please pray with the missions trippers for God's protection to rest on them, and that they would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading:

<b>8 – 16 Mar</b>	<b>East Asia</b>	<b>Ps Scott Tey</b>
<b>9 Mar – 9 Apr</b>	<b>East Asia</b>	<b>Eric Seah</b>
<b>12 – 20 Mar</b>	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>Matthew Tan</b>
<b>14 – 15 Mar</b>	<b>Tg Pinang, Indonesia</b>	<b>Family Life @Grace team</b>
<b>22 Mar – 8 Apr</b>	<b>East Asia</b>	<b>Ps Walter Lim</b>
<b>23 – 30 Mar</b>	<b>Myanmar</b>	<b>Rachel Choo &amp; R-Age</b>
<b>28 – 29 Mar</b>	<b>Karimun, Indonesia</b>	<b>Rev Chan Peck Yin</b>



## Stay Married

Every marriage has its challenges. Giving up and going separate ways bring hurt, not only to the adults, but also to the children. Someone once said, "a relationship is like a light bulb in the house, when it burns out, you do not go out and buy a new house, you fix the light bulb."

Bro Steven, head of the Married Life ministry in Family Life@ Grace shares how he and his wife rekindle their love for each other with one basic question ...

*So, why did we marry each other in the first place? What is that one pivotal reason we must always remember, such that in the good and the bad times of our relationship, it will provide a formidable anchor to keep our marriage intact? The question for us was appropriately refined to, "Why do we want to stay married to one another?"*

*My wife and I dug deep individually to find that reason. We came up with more than one reason each and interestingly, without conferring with each other, we arrived at three similar reasons:-*

### #1 - We believe that it is God who has given us to each other.

*This is the most important reason. Believing this compels us to agree that there is no one better to be our partner for life. So, everyone else is only second best.*

*More importantly, we acknowledge that we are in a tripartite union, God, my wife and I. Surely what God has joined together, no man shall separate. No man includes us!*

### #2 - We truly love each other and want to grow old together. In no other arms do we want to die in.

*We fell in love more than 35 years ago. Then, we grew in love for the last 35 years. We truly love one another and want to be together till death separates us.*

*Remembering this constantly, gives my wife and I the motivation to live each day as loving as we can be, even on those days that we are not as lovable as we should be.*

### #3 - As a couple, we are in God's master plan to bring the people of the world to a reconciled relationship with Him.

*This is our service as a couple to our Creator, and to the people we love. For this, we are motivated to look beyond each other's failures, selfishness, bad habits and even idiosyncrasies. We share a greater cause. Having God's big picture etched into our hearts, we are energized to love each other more, especially at times when we face challenges in our relationship.*

*My wife and I found our reasons for wanting to stay married to one another. We constantly remind ourselves of these reasons. We know that we want to, and will stay happily married despite challenging times ahead. We know deep in our hearts why we got married, and want to stay married to each other for life.*

*I urge you to dig deep and know why you want to stay married to your spouse and keep reminding yourself of this reason, so that you can be the great lovers for life.*

#### Bro Steven Chan

The article is an excerpt from Steven's post "A Crucial Question Seldom Asked" on his blog on marital relationship ([www.begreatlovers.blogspot.sg](http://www.begreatlovers.blogspot.sg))

## Single Income Family – A Journey of Faith



In Singapore, with its high cost of living, living on a single income is often seen as something that is impossible to accomplish. How does a family live on a single income? Bro Albert shares...

*When my first child was born, I was in the final year of my overseas university studies. We had to depend on ourselves to care for our little daughter and with the help of fellow Christians in the local church. My wife, Margaret was superb in the caring for the baby. Upon returning to Singapore, my wife*

*expressed her desires to be a homemaker (AKA Housewife), I have no issues with that decision, but there will definitely be financial challenges ahead - I just started my career, there is the renovation of our new 5-room flat, and many other uncertainties. But we believed that God is our Provider and will definitely help us through.*

*The decision we took was for the benefit of the child, so my wife can devote all her time to bonding with the child, and keeping the house neat and tidy. Being a teacher by profession, Margaret started coaching our girl early. By the age of three, Joni is able to read. Her early childhood education helps her to cope with our very stressful primary school education.*

*How do we cope with the financial challenges? We have to be prudent in our spending. For example, the issue of purchasing a car was contemplated many times. In the end, we decided not to buy a car. Our 5-room flat wasn't fully renovated when we moved in. Only the master bedroom and kitchen were furnished with cabinets. We have to live within our limits. The renovation of our house went through four phases over 10 years.*

*Being a homemaker brings about other social pressures. So many times we hear comments like "So good! No need to work ar?" and "Wah! Tai tai ar! Enjoy life hor?" I can assure you, it's not an easy task being a stay-at-home mother! Not every woman is able to face this challenge. I've had colleagues who told me that they would go mad if faced with their child the whole day. The job scope of a stay-at-home mother includes the following: Caring for the child (include educating and training), keeping the house clean, cooking meals, planning and purchasing the necessary logistics for the house, etc.*

*If you have a homemaker wife, do appreciate her and love her. How do we cope with the negative comments? We have to constantly remind each other to ignore such comments, and reframe our perspectives to align with what God desires us to do.*

*Both of our girls are currently doing very well in their respective schools. Till today, we lack nothing. We thank God for bringing us through this journey of being a single income family. We thank God for the support from our immediate families in our decision.*

#### Bro Albert Sng and family

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing" – Ps 23



# What's Next For Us (After The Wedding Is Over)

BY MONICA CHRISTINE FERNANDO, COUNSELLOR OF REACH COUNSELLING

*A wedding lasts for a day, but a marriage is for a lifetime; a lifetime full of transitions. REACH Counselling has contributed an article on ways to build a strong and healthy marriage, and the article was featured in The Wedding Times.*

Couples enter into marriage dreaming of a blissful journey ahead. The excitement of a wonderful honeymoon paints a glamorous image of passion and euphoria. However, reality soon kicks in, and they come to realise how different the courtship days were, compared to the marital life they've begun. Disagreements, personality clashes, poor communication that lead to misunderstandings, conflicts and uncertainty become inevitable.

Welcome to the transitions in marriage!

It seems like the road ahead is more of an uphill one and less of a picture of bliss. Some couples chose to give up, while others persevere and trudge on. There is hope if couples are willing to work on their marriages from its early stages. All stages of marriage encompass transitions. Understanding the various transitions will help us prepare for what it means to live out your wedding vows.

## Transitions in Marriage

A couple's relationship development and its stages are similar to the process of a new born baby going through his growth into early childhood. Thus, it is a journey with many stages of progression. Crossing these stages would involve the following transitions.

### 1. Ceremony

In most societies, the values, beliefs, norms and culture uphold the significance and sacred unity of marriage. The legal and moral binding is a joyous milestone for the couple. Couples start feeling the pressure and stress when they feel the weight of responsibilities and obligations that follow soon after. There's a change of roles – "husband", "wife" and "in-laws". Begin to envision yourselves in these different roles.

'Commitment vs Contract' is something couples struggle to process in today's culture. Some couples who are committed will stick together and adjust, while some couples may not endure this phase of commitment. The passion and excitement couples had during courtship days slowly fade away. During the days of courtship the couple return to their own destinations, but after marriage they return to the same destination – the concept of "Our Home" is inculcated into the married couple's belief system. Upholding the "We" concept is important at this early stage. However, couples need to set healthy boundaries as individuals, so that respect and acceptance for each other is cultivated. Remember, 'Love is still in the air'. Set the stage for your journey together.

### 2. The Honeymoon is Over

As the couple settles into life after the honeymoon, tensions may rise. Differences start to become more apparent, especially when sensitive topics such as finances and in-laws are discussed. Couples shouldn't forget that each party comes from a different family of origin, which operates on totally diverse values, beliefs, and norms (VBN). It is therefore important to respect each other's 'invisible suitcases' which contain these VBN. Couples learn to grow in intimacy and not conflict. Bring your honeymoon home! This will help couples to keep the sparks alive.

### 3. Just the Two of Us

Spouses often get trapped at this stage if healthy boundaries are not maintained with in-law relationships. This is when you 'leave and

cleave' – leave your parents and cleave to your spouse. The transition here involves emotional adjustment for both parties. Partners need to learn to give first preference to the other, and not put parents above their spouses. At the same time, recognise and respect the value of filial piety, which could be a strong value in some spouses.

Research has shown that unhappy couples have contemplated separation or divorce as early as the second or third year of their marriage. It is not unusual for couples to doubt their decision to get married. This is the time you'd need to stop dwelling on these thoughts, and seek professional help from a Marriage Counsellor. I call it giving your marriage a marital immunity dosage. Do not wait until it's too late, when a third party invades, or when you go separate ways.

### 4. The Birth of the First Child

There is instability when children enter the network of two. This is when attachment and time has to be shared, and roles change – the husband becomes a dad, and the wife becomes a mum. It's of paramount importance that you're not stuck with the new role and forget to be husband and wife. That role requires constant bonding and nurturing. Hence, do not neglect your marital bond – which is the base of your family system.

### 5. The Terrible Two's and Entering School

Couples who become parents split hairs on ways to discipline their kids. They generally resort to the method they were brought up with, and apply similar decisions on discipline. Some couples even want to go separate ways due to disagreements on their kids' disciplinary issues. Couples need to explore their 'invisible suitcases' with regards to discipline. The two become a bigger networking system. Once again, it's essential not to neglect to find couple time and bond as a couple. Most couples lose their roles as spouses in this process of nurturing and bringing up kids.

### 6. Throughout the School and Adolescent Years

Raising children is a challenging journey, especially when they are adolescents. Career changes and other responsibilities increase as your kids grow. As a family life Educator and Counsellor, I would encourage couples to attend parenting talks offered by your children's schools or specialised organisations. None of us come 'qualified' to parent our kids in the best possible way. Hence, do start learning and upgrading your parenting skills, with some modifications to suit your kids, at their different life stages. This is one way to reduce some of the stress that you may encounter as a parent.

### Strengthen the Couple Bond

The objective of becoming aware of transitions is to enable you to prepare yourself and manage the stress factor that accompanies these transitions. Transitions do not stop here. They continue throughout our life journey at different stages. The secret for a healthy marriage starts at the very beginning with keeping the couple bond strong. It is a 'work-in-progress' which requires both parties' commitment and hard work. Couples need to work on clear communication, and to nurture listening, intimacy and trust. Communication paves the way to transition well.

All marriages go through their 'highs and lows'. Are you both committed to weather the storms and be there for each other?

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## 中文事工

### 中文青成年小组

中文事工的青成年小组是在华语堂崇拜聚会的发展和需要上成立的。这是在星期天的崇拜聚会之外，专门为参与中文聚会的青成年而开放的小组，使中文事工能针对他们的需要给予他们适当的关怀和教导。借着此聚会彼此互动，在整全的活动中发展出长久而坚定的关系、彼此扶持，一起经历生命中的成长，去面对人生中重要关键的阶段。

这个小组让青成年人有机会发展及表现其领导能力，以增加他们的决心来保持并强化其自律精神，亦能在小组动力中应用其智慧和能力。

小组的例常团契形式有敬拜赞美、团队游戏、生活分享、小组查经和信息分享。此外，我们也安排不同的活动，例如：烧烤会、外出聚餐、圣诞派对等。借着这些活动，使小组的成员们能够更加熟络，并有更多的机会接触新朋友。青成年小组不仅为讲华语的青成年信徒之间提供了很好的交流平台，同时也使来到当中的非信徒认识基督，让他们更好地融入其中。

中文事工的青成年小组还在进步和成长中，组员们也被鼓励更多地参与事奉并彼此关怀。我们展望未来几年里，青成年小组能发展成团契聚会的模式。

在此，我们诚挚邀请您来参与我们的聚会，与我们一同团契、敬拜。小组活动的时间为每个星期六傍晚七点正，地点为恩典二/二楼的“赞美”课室。你若有兴趣知道更多详情，可以联络张牧师97409882询问。



# GRACE SERVICES

## GRACE I

**MY SAVIOUR'S CHURCH: 2 Prince Charles Crescent, Singapore 159011 | Tel: 6474 2823 | [www.mysaviours.org](http://www.mysaviours.org)**

### SERVICES: Saturday 5 pm

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YAYP) SERVICE	JEHOVAH'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
CANTONESE SERVICE	SAVIOUR'S SANCTUARY	LEVEL 3
GRACE KIDS - CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SHELTER ROOM	LEVEL 2
GRACE KIDS - PRE-SCHOOL	PARADISE ROOM	LEVEL 2

**FURAMA RIVERFRONT HOTEL: 405 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169633 | Tel: 6333 8898 | [www.furama.com/riverfront](http://www.furama.com/riverfront)**

### SERVICES: Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 2	VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
MANDARIN SERVICE	MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
GRACE KIDS - CHILDREN'S CHURCH	JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
GRACE KIDS - PRE-SCHOOL	JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

### Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 3	VENUS I, II, III	LEVEL 3
FILIPINO SERVICE	MERCURY I	LEVEL 5
YOUTH SERVICE	MERCURY II, III	LEVEL 5
GRACE KIDS - CHILDREN'S CHURCH	JUPITER I, II; MARS II	LEVEL 3; 5
GRACE KIDS - PRE-SCHOOL	JUPITER III	LEVEL 3

## GRACE II:

**1 Bukit Batok West Ave 4 Singapore 659125**

### SERVICES: Saturday 2 pm

YOUTH SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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### SERVICES: Sunday 9 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 4	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
MANDARIN SERVICE	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2

### SERVICES: Sunday 11.15 am

ENGLISH SERVICE 5	SANCTUARY	LEVEL 2
HOKKIEN SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4

### SERVICES: Sunday 1.30 pm

FILIPINO SERVICE	CHAPEL	LEVEL 4
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### SUNDAY 9 am & 11.15 am

GRACE KIDS		
PRE-SCHOOL	GOODNESS & KINDNESS	LEVEL 4
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LOVE	LEVEL 2

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**Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm, GLORY SANCTUARY, LEVEL 3**

ST JOHN'S ST MARGARET'S CHURCH: 30 Dover Avenue, Singapore 139790 | Tel: 67770934 | [www.sjsm.org.sg](http://www.sjsm.org.sg)

*Note: Services are subject to changes, please refer to [www.graceaog.org](http://www.graceaog.org) for latest info and updates*

## Grace Assembly of God

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Website: [www.graceaog.org](http://www.graceaog.org) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/graceaogsingapore](http://www.facebook.com/graceaogsingapore)

### Got Testimonies, Ideas, Suggestions?

If you would like to give testimonies, or provide feedback/ideas/suggestions/comments about Grace Bulletin, please email to: [comms@graceaog.org](mailto:comms@graceaog.org)

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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WHAT IS

LOVE?

WHAT LOVE  
IS THIS  
THAT  
YOU  
GAVE YOUR  
LIFE  
FOR ME?

Good Friday is the time we remember this great love of Christ, that through His crucifixion & death we have our redemption & salvation.

For this year's Good Friday services, Grace Assembly in collaboration with Oops! Asia Singapore is presenting a mini musical entitled **"What is Love?"**

The musical epitomizes the greatest love of all as Jesus chose to love in the face of rejection, hatred & faithlessness.

Come, and invite your pre-believing friends and family to hear the Good News so that they can have the opportunity to receive Christ's invitation to eternal life.

### Details of the Good Friday Services:

Date: 03 April, Friday

Time: 9am & 11.15am

Venue: GII, Level 2 Sanctuary

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